

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 2 and 5 to 7 under 35 U.S.C 103 as being obvious over Rimhagen in view of Valentine. The Examiner also rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) over Rimhagen and Valentine in view of US 5,905,719 to Arnold et al. ("Arnold"). The Examiner has objected to claims 4, 8 and 9 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been limited to include the features of claim 4 in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 4

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Claims 2 to 3, 5 to 9

These dependent claims are patentable not least on the basis that they depend on an allowable independent claim.

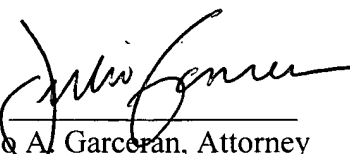
New Claims

New claims 10 and 11 have been added. Claim 10 corresponds to claim 8 written in independent form in accordance with the Examiner's indication as to allowable subject matter. Claim 11 corresponds to claim 9 written in independent form in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance. In the event of any fees inadvertently omitted or any improper payment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No.12-2325 to correct the error now or during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone conversation would be helpful, please contact Julio Garceran at (908) 582-7294.

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